

## FITZWILLIAM RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 24, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheena Royce, Christi Filipi, Shane Stephens, and Cindi Beede.

The meeting convened at 7:05pm.

1. Emerson Playground: Jill Bosonetto, from the Emerson PTCO attended the meeting to discuss the status of the current play structure at Emerson School. She said it wasn't up to code and needed to be replaced. She wasn't sure when it would be taken down. The structure is used by participants in the Summer Recreation Program. Mrs. Beede said she would email Lori Stevens, Principal at Emerson School to get specifics. Mrs. Bosonetto and the PTCO is looking for help to fund a replacement structure. She thought the Fitzwilliam Recreation Department may be willing to aid in fundraising since a playground would service the community, not just kids who attend Emerson School. She stated that the Emerson PTCO has only a few members and the fundraising task at this scale was too much to do alone. She did mention that a local group was willing to match funds. She had some quotes from different playground companies and estimates a structure cost to be about \$40,000.00. Mrs. Filipi suggested a committee be formed. She suggested Mrs. Bosonetto make a Facebook post on the Fitzwilliam Community Page to raise awareness and interest in a committee. The Commission discussed the idea of joining forces with the PTCO on this endeavor. Mrs. Beede will inquire about logistics and let the PTCO know what is determined.
2. Summer Rec: All of the counselors have been hired. They are in the process of completing paperwork. Mrs. Blohm and Mrs. Beede have been working on a summer calendar. Registration has gone slow. Several families have committed to Summer Rec, but haven't completed the registration process. Mrs. Beede has been doing a lot of follow up phone calls. She will be ordering the portable toilets, the dumpster, and taking care of the phone. Overall, plans are moving along.
3. Derby: Fishing began at 8:15am and the event was called by 9:30am due to the pouring rain. 15 kids were registered to fish. A few came later (after it had ended and in between downpours). The fish were biting, but the weather was just not cooperating. Prizes were awarded just after 9:30. The Fire Department had brought donuts and juice boxes. The Police Department offered coffee. The Recreation Department offered fruit and bottled water, 1 craft, 1 game. The Gap Mtn Lion's Club's monetary donation helped purchase prizes for winners in various categories.
4. Fantasy Faire: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Fitzwilliam Fantasy Faire is scheduled for Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-3:00pm. Caroline Trembley asked if the Recreation Department would like to be a part of the festivities and offer either a craft or activity. Last year, the Recreation Commission ran a craft to make catapults. The Commission agreed it would be a good idea to participate.
5. Yard Sale: The Commission agreed that a Town- Wide Yard Sale would be good to offer and not difficult to coordinate. They also agree to settle on details next monthly meeting.
6. Soccer: An advertisement for a Soccer Director will be in the June issue of the Fitzwilliam Newsletter. Planning and registration for this activity must be done sooner this year so as to secure volunteer coaches. The idea is to hire someone by July, have registrations in August, and be ready to start the first of September.

7. Pole Barn: Some repairs have been completed at the Pole Barn. Some rotted boards were replaced and holes where critters has chewed threw the wood were fixed. Mrs. Beede spent a few hours one Saturday cleaning.
8. Tennis: Mrs. Beede received three quotes to repair the tennis courts which are cracked. She believes there hasn't been work done to the court since 2004 (maybe; it was hard to find invoices for this). Resurfacing is recommended every 6-8 yrs depending upon usage. The Recreation Commission decided to add pickle ball lines to the tennis courts to accommodate enthusiasts whom have requested. Mrs. Beede will find out when the work can be done, how long one must stay off the courts, and then determine if repairs will be done now or in the fall. Mrs. Beeded commented that she has seen several people using the courts thus far this season.